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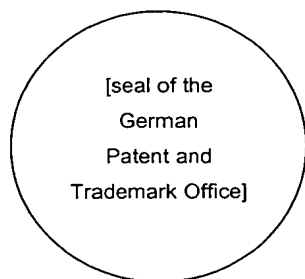
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Composition acting as coupling agent for filled and peroxidically crosslinking rubber compounds

- 5 The present invention relates to a composition which comprises silicon compounds and acts as a coupling agent between fillers and peroxidically crosslinking elastomers in rubber compounds, and to its use.
- 10 The use of vinylsilanes, in particular vinyltrimethoxyethoxysilane (DYNASYLAN® VTMOEO), and vinyltriethoxysilane (DYNASYLAN® VTEO) as coupling agent in peroxidically crosslinking ethylene-propylene rubber (EPR), ethylene-propylene-diene rubber (EPDM), or in
- 15 other rubber compounds, such as styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR), natural rubber (NR), acrylate copolymer rubber (ACM), acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber (NBR), or polybutadiene rubber (BR) is known. These are usually filled rubber compounds. Examples of fillers used are
- 20 kaolin, where appropriate in calcined form, or other silicatic fillers, such as silica, quartz, cristobalite, talc, montmorillonite, wollastonite, or mica, or  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , aluminum hydroxide (ATH), magnesium hydroxide (MDH), or titanium dioxide, or else organic
- 25 fillers, such as cellulose, flax, and sisal. The vinylsilane here binds the filler to the rubber.

It is also known that physical mixtures of monomeric unsaturated silanes, such as vinyltriethoxysilane

30 (DYNASYLAN® VTMO) or 3-methacryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane (DYNASYLAN® MEMO) with oligomeric alkylsilanes permit improved dispersion of the filler in the rubber matrix (EP 0 124 805 A). A disadvantage of monomeric silanes is their volatility. The boiling point of VTEO

35 is 158°C. Another disadvantage of monomeric silanes is that for each mole of trialkoxysilane an equimolar amount of hydrolysis alcohol is liberated.

An object on which the present invention was based was

to mitigate the disadvantages mentioned.

Surprisingly, it has been found that a mixture of oligomeric vinylsilanes, i.e. vinyl-functional siloxanes, such as DYNASYLAN® 6498, and of oligomeric alkylsilanes, i.e. alkyl-functional siloxanes, such as DYNASYLAN® 9892, has excellent suitability as a coupling agent for peroxidically crosslinking, filled rubber compounds. The volatility of mixtures of the invention is considerably less than that of monomeric unsaturated silanes, and also than that of mixtures of monomeric unsaturated silane and oligomeric alkylsilanes. This also leads to increased product safety during usage. The use of the vinylalkoxysiloxane-containing mixtures of the invention can moreover reduce significantly the amount of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), in particular alcohol, produced on application, while coupling-agent properties are generally at least comparably good.

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The invention achieves the object set as set out in the patent claims.

The present invention therefore provides a composition acting as coupling agent between fillers and peroxidically crosslinking elastomers in rubber compounds, which comprises, as component comprising silicon compounds, a mixture

- a) of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with alkylalkoxysiloxanes, or
- b) of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with phenylalkoxysiloxanes, or
- c) of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxanes or
- d) of acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with alkylalkoxysiloxanes, or
- e) of acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with phenylalkoxysiloxanes, or

f) of acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxanes, or

g) of at least one co-oligomeric organosiloxane which, as organofunctional groups, bears at least one group from the series vinyl, acrylic and methacrylic, and at least one group from the series alkyl and phenyl, and at least one alkoxy or hydroxy group.

10 An example of a method of preparing said vinyl-, alkyl-, phenyl-, acrylic, methacrylic, or organoalkoxy-siloxanes can use the teaching of the following documents: EP 0 101 541 A, EP 0 518 057 A, EP 0 814 110 A, EP 0 978 525 A and German Application  
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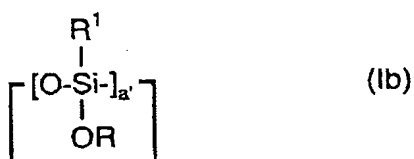
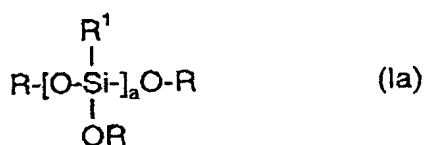
The composition of the invention may generally be  
20 prepared by mixing the respective components to be used, or stirring these together. Operations here should be carried out with exclusion of water. The siloxanes used here are therefore substantially alkoxysiloxanes. However, it is also possible for any  
25 of the alkoxy groups to be converted by hydrolysis into a hydroxy group.

The composition of the invention may also comprise, besides the siloxane components, other components which  
30 are non-silicon-containing, such as plasticizers, and/or processing aids.

The composition of the invention preferably comprises from 0.1 to 100% by weight, with preference from 20 to  
35 80% by weight, particularly preferably from 40 to 60% by weight, of a vinyl-, acrylic-, and/or methacrylic-functional alkoxysiloxane, based on all of the components present in the composition. The composition

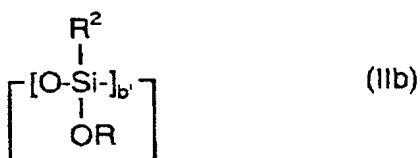
of the invention also appropriately comprises from 0 to 80% by weight, preferably from 0.1 to 70% by weight, particularly preferably from 20 to 60% by weight, in particular from 40 to 50% by weight, of an alkyl-  
 5 and/or phenyl-functional alkoxy siloxane, based on all of the components present in the composition. It should be emphasized that no monomeric silanes are present in the composition of the invention.

- 10 The composition of the invention preferably comprises at least one chain-type or cyclic vinylalkoxy siloxane of the general formula (Ia) or (Ib)



- 15 where the groups R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, R<sup>1</sup> is a vinyl group, each of a and a', independently, is an integer  
 20 from 2 to 50, preferably from 3 to 15, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

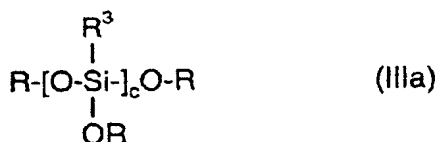
- 25 Preferred chain-type or cyclic alkylalkoxy siloxanes of the composition of the invention may be described by the general formulae (IIa) and (IIb)



where the groups R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, the groups R<sup>2</sup> are identical or different, and each R<sup>2</sup> is a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, for example n-propyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, n-octyl, isooctyl, or hexadecyl, each of b and b', independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, preferably from 3 to 15, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Examples which should be mentioned are: methylmethoxysiloxane, also termed methylmethoxysilane oligomer, and correspondingly propylmethoxysilane oligomer, isobutylmethoxysilane oligomer, octylmethoxysilane oligomer, methylethoxysilane oligomer, propylethoxysilane oligomer, isobutylethoxysilane oligomer, octylethoxysilane oligomer, methylmethoxysilane cyclooligomer, propylmethoxysilane cyclooligomer, to mention just a few examples.

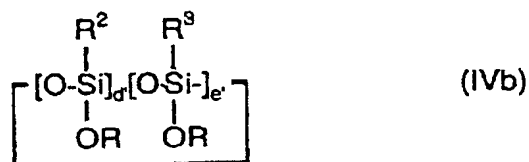
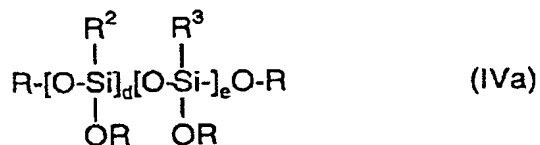
Chain-type or cyclic phenylalkoxysiloxanes which are also preferred may be described by the general formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb)



where the groups R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, R<sup>3</sup> is a phenyl group, each of c and c', independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, preferably from 3 to 15, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Examples which should be mentioned here are: phenylmethoxysilane oligomer, phenylethoxysilane oligomer, phenylmethoxysilane cyclooligomer, phenylethoxysilane cyclooligomer.

Chain-type or cyclic alkylphenylalkoxysilanes which are also preferred may be described by the general formulae (IVa) and (IVb)

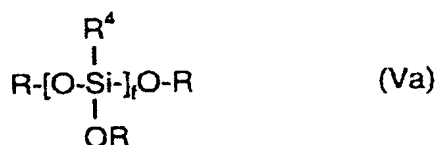


where the groups R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl,

2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, the groups  $R^2$  are identical or different, each  $R^2$  being a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, for example n-propyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, n-octyl, isooctyl, or hexadecyl,  $R^3$  is a phenyl group, each of d, d', e and e', independently, is an integer from 1 to 35 and complies with the provisos that  $1 < (d+e) < 50$  and  $1 < (d'+e') < 50$ , preferably  $2 < (d+e) < 30$  and  $2 < (d'+e') < 30$ , particularly preferably  $3 < (d+e) < 10$  and  $3 < (d'+e') < 10$ , where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Examples which should be mentioned are: methylphenylmethoxysilane oligomer, propylphenylmethoxysilane oligomer, isobutylphenylmethoxysilane oligomer, octylphenylmethoxysilane oligomer, methylphenylethoxysilane oligomer, propylphenylethoxysilane oligomer, isobutylphenylethoxysilane oligomer, octylphenylethoxysilane oligomer, methylphenylmethoxysilane cyclooligomer, propylphenylmethoxysilane cyclooligomer, to mention just a few examples.

Also preferred is the use in the composition of the invention of at least one chain-type or cyclic acrylic- or methacrylic-functional alkoxy siloxane of the general formula (Va) or (Vb)

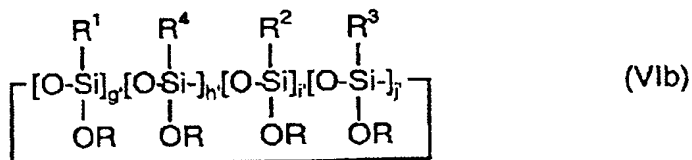
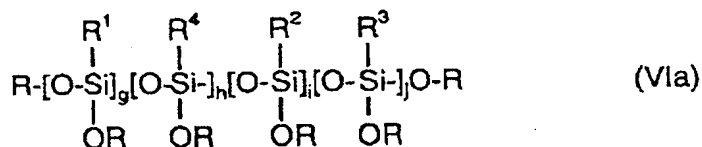




where the groups R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, the groups R<sup>4</sup> are identical or different, and R<sup>4</sup> is an acrylic or methacrylic group, for example 3-methacryloxypropyl each of f and f', independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, preferably from 3 to 15, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Examples which may be mentioned here are: acryloxypropylmethoxysilane oligomer, methacryloxypropylmethoxysilane oligomer, acryloxypropylethoxysilane oligomer, methacryloxypropylethoxysilane oligomer, acryloxypropylmethoxysilane cyclooligomer, methacryloxypropylmethoxysilane cyclooligomer, acryloxypropylethoxysilane cyclooligomer, methacryloxypropylethoxysilane cyclooligomer.

However, the functionalities hitherto mentioned may also be present in the composition of the invention in a preferred chain-type or cyclic organoalkoxysiloxane of the general formula (VIa) or (VIb)



where the groups R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined above, each of g, g', h, h', i, i', j, and j' is, independently, an integer from 0 to 35 and

complies with the provisos  $g \geq 1$  and/or  $h \geq 1$ , and  $1 < (g+h+i+j) < 50$ , and  $g' \geq 1$  and/or  $h' \geq 1$ , and  $1 < (g'+h'+i'+j') < 50$ , preferably  $2 < (g+h+i+j) < 30$  and  $2 < (g'+h'+i'+j') < 30$ , particularly preferably  $3 < (g+h+i+j) < 10$  and  $3 < (g'+h'+i'+j') < 10$ , where these siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Examples which should be mentioned are:  
10 methylacryloxypropylmethoxysiloxane or methylacryloxypropylmethoxysilane oligomer, and correspondingly methylacryloxypropylmethoxysilane cyclooligomer, propylmethacryloxypropylmethoxysiloxane, propylacryloxypropylethoxysilane oligomer, octylmethacryloxypropylethoxysiloxane, to mention must a few examples.  
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If the composition of the invention is added to a mixture of elastomer and filler, reactions take place firstly under processing conditions, e.g. in the case  
20 of an EPDM rubber mixed with kaolin and processed at about  $140^{\circ}\text{C}$ , between the alkoxy or hydroxy groups of the siloxane components and appropriate hydrophilic groups of the filler, in particular a hydroxy group, and secondly under crosslinking conditions, e.g. using  
25 a peroxide at about  $180^{\circ}\text{C}$  within a period of about a quarter of an hour, between the unsaturated ethylenic group and the elastomer. The result is that the filler becomes advantageously bound into the rubber compound or appropriately obtainable items, since, inter alia,  
30 no losses of coupling agent occur.

The composition of the invention may also be advantageously applied on a carrier in the form of a "dry liquid". Carrier materials suitable for this  
35 purpose are preferably porous polymers, e.g. polyethylene with pore volume  $>50\%$ , carbon black, waxes, e.g. LDPE-based polyolefin waxes, silicas (fumed, precipitated, naturally occurring), calcium

silicates.

A composition of the invention may thus be used advantageously as a coupling agent in filled and peroxidically crosslinking rubber compounds.

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The invention also provides filled and peroxidically crosslinking rubber compounds which comprise a composition of the invention.

10 The manner of preparing rubber compounds of the invention is generally that, for example, an EPDM rubber is mixed in an intensive mixer, e.g. Werner & Pfleiderer BANBURY type, with kaolin, and where appropriate with another filler, and also, where  
15 appropriate, with a vulcanization activator and a hydrocarbon-based plasticizer, at from about 100 to 140°C. This intermediate product may then be mixed on a roll mill with peroxide and accelerator and may be vulcanized, i.e. crosslinked, by heating to about 180°C  
20 to give the rubber composition. The vulcanizate may be processed using suitable machinery, e.g. using specific roll mills (calenders), inter alia to give sheet-like strips of rubber from which products such as gaskets are produced in downstream processes.

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Rubber compounds of the invention preferably have a content of elastomer from the series ethylene-propylene rubber (EPR), ethylene-propylene-diene rubber (EPDM), styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR), natural rubber (NR),  
30 acrylate copolymer rubber (ACM), acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber (NBR), and/or polybutadiene rubber (BR).

Rubber compounds of the invention also have a content  
35 of filler from the series silicatic or organic fillers, such as kaolin, silica, quartz, cristobalite, talc, montmorillonite, wollastonite, mica, calcium carbonate, chalk, dolomite, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium

hydroxide, titanium dioxide, cellulose, flax, and sisal.

This is therefore an advantageous method - advantageous  
5 since the proportion of volatile silanes has been  
reduced practically to zero and moreover the proportion  
of volatile alcohols (VOCs) has also been reduced to  
less than 50% of the amount of silane used - of  
10 producing the following items, for example, from rubber  
compounds: cable sheathing, gaskets, moldings for  
damping purposes, hoses and profiles, shaped items,  
rubber-metal composites, conveyor belts, flat or V-  
shaped drive belts, foam products, sponge products,  
cellular rubber product, shoe-sole material, and sheet  
15 products, to mention just a few examples.

The present invention therefore also provides items  
which are obtained by processing rubber compounds of  
the invention.

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The examples below give further description of the  
present invention:

### Examples

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#### 1. General description of experimental method:

The EPDM rubber (BUNA® EP 3473) is mixed in a BANBURY  
intensive mixer with calcined kaolin (POLESTAR® 200 R),  
30 and with a second filler (chalk: Mikrosöhl 20), and  
with a vulcanization activator (RS zinc oxide), and  
with a hydrocarbon-based plasticizer (Tudalen B-8013),  
and also with the vinylsilane or with an appropriate  
Si-containing composition (variable amounts), at from  
35 about 100 to 140°C.

The resultant intermediate product is mixed on a roll  
mill with antioxidant (a mixture of Vulkanox HS and  
Vulkanox MB), and with the accelerator (triallyl-

cyanurate), and finally with the peroxide (Perkadox 14/40). The rubber composition is then vulcanized (crosslinked) by heating to about 180°C within a period of from 8 to 10 min.

- 5 Sheets are compression molded from the vulcanizate, and from these the test specimens are produced for the mechanical and electrical tests.

## 2. Description of silicon compounds used

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### 2.1 Chemical structure

DYNASYLAN® VTMO	$\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{Si}(\text{O}-\text{CH}_3)_3$ ; vinyltrimethoxysilane
DYNASYLAN® VTEO	$\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{Si}(\text{O}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3$ ; vinyltriethoxysilane
DYNASYLAN® VTMOEO	$\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{Si}(\text{O}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_4-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3)_3$ ; vinyltris(2-methoxyethoxy)silane
DYNASYLAN® 6498	Oligomeric vinyltriethoxysilane: $[\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{Si}(\text{O}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)-\text{O}]_n$ where $n = 3-10$
DYNASYLAN® 9892	Oligomeric propyltriethoxysilane: $[\text{C}_3\text{H}_7-\text{Si}(\text{O}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)-\text{O}]_n$ where $n = 3-10$
Comparative product: RC-1	Mixture of vinyltriethoxysilane and an oligomeric methyltriethoxysilane

2.2 Product data

DYNASYLAN® (abbreviation: DS)	VTMO	VTEO	VTMOEO	RC-1	Mixture of the invention: 48% DS 6498 + 52% DS 9892
Flashpoint [°C]	22	38	115	38	> 120
Boiling point [°C]	123	158	108 [3 h Pa)	about 160	> 240
SiO <sub>2</sub> content [% by weight]	40.5	31.6	21.4	39.7	43.3
Vinyl content [% by weight]	18.2	14.2	9.6	9.6	9.9
Alcohol eliminated [g/kg]	650	730	815	640	470
Alcohol eliminated [nature]	methanol	ethanol	2-methoxy- ethanol	ethanol	ethanol

When the inventive mixture of DYNASYLAN® 6498 with  
5 DYNASYLAN® 9862 is used, the amount of volatile  
constituents (VOCs) reduces by 42% when comparison is  
made with DYNASYLAN® VTMOEO, by 36% when comparison is  
made with DYNASYLAN® VTEO, and by 27% when comparison  
is made with the comparative product RC-1. When  
10 compared with DYNASYLAN® VTMOEO, the inventive mixture  
has a similar boiling point and flashpoint, without at  
the same time having the disadvantage of the high  
content of volatile and physiologically hazardous  
2-methoxyethanol.

3. Composition of mixes

Components amounts given in parts by weight	Comparative example 1	Comparative example 2	Comparative example 3	Inventive example
BUNA® EP 3473 (EPDM rubber)	130	130	130	130
POLESTAR® 200 R (calcined kaolin)	140	140	140	140
Mikrosöhl 20 (chalk)	80	80	80	80
RS zinc oxide (activator)	10	10	10	10
Tudalen B-8013 (plasticizer)	15	15	15	15
Silane [nature], see table 2.2 product data	VTMOEO	VTEO	RC-1	DS6498 + DS9892 mixture (48/52)
Silane (parts by weight)	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.4
Vulkanox HS (antioxidant)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Vulkanox MB (antioxidant)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Triallyl cyanurate (accelerator)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Perkadox 14/40 (peroxide crosslinker)	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5

4. Processing conditions (rheological data)

Test results	Comparative example 1	Comparative example 2	Comparative example 3	Inventive example
t <sub>10</sub> (10% vulcanization) [min]	1.33	1.43	1.48	1.50
t <sub>90</sub> (90% vulcanization) [min]	6.87	6.90	7.18	7.13
Mooney viscosity [dNm] 0% vulcanization	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.7
Mooney viscosity [dNm] 100% vulcanization	54.9	55.3	54.0	54.2

5 The inventive additive can be processed in the same way as the comparative products in the rubber mixture. The usual extent of vulcanization occurs.

5. Mechanical data after vulcanization (15 min/180°C)

Test results	Comparative example 1	Comparative example 2	Comparative example 3	Inventive example
Tensile strength [MPa]	8.7	8.2	8.2	8.5
100% modulus [MPa]	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.0
200% modulus [MPa]	8.0	7.9	7.8	8.2
Elongation at break [%]	254	228	245	243
Residual elongation [%]	8	5	7	7
Shore A hardness at 23°C	70	72	72	72

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The mechanical values which can be obtained from the rubber component produced using the mixture of the invention are equivalent or better than those of the comparative products.



6. Mechanical data after aging (7 days at 135°C)

Test results	Comparative example 1	Comparative example 2	Comparative example 3	Inventive example
Tensile strength [MPa]	10.3	9.7	9.5	10.6
100% modulus [MPa]	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0
200% modulus [MPa]	10.1	9.6	-	10.2
Elongation at break [%]	210	206	198	227
Shore A hardness at 23°C	72	73	73	73

After the rubber components produced using the  
5 inventive mixture have been subjected to thermal aging,  
some of the mechanical values are better than those of  
the comparative products. For example, elongation at  
break is up to 14% higher.

## 7. Electrical data

Test results	Comparative example 1	Comparative example 2	Comparative example 3	Inventive example
Volume resistivity $\rho_D$ [ $10^{14} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ ] after 16 h at standard conditions of temperature and humidity	4.88	4.89	4.98	5.87
Volume resistivity $\rho_D$ [ $10^{14} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ ] after 2 h of storage in water (90°C)	1.17	2.19	7.32	7.01
Volume resistivity $\rho_D$ [ $10^{14} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ ] after 100 h of storage in water (90°C)	0.45	0.72	7.28	9.40
Dielectric constant $\epsilon_r$ after 16 h at standard conditions of temperature and humidity	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
Dielectric constant $\epsilon_r$ after 2 h of storage in water (90°C)	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.3
Dielectric constant $\epsilon_r$ after 100 h of storage in water (90°C)	6.3	6.2	4.9	4.7
Tan $\delta$ [ $10^{-3}$ ] after 16 h at standard conditions of temperature and humidity	18.6	26.4	21.5	15.7
Tan $\delta$ [ $10^{-3}$ ] after 2 h of storage in water (90°C)	70.2	59.8	36.5	31.1
Tan $\delta$ [ $10^{-3}$ ] after 100 h of storage in water (90°C)	94.2	77.8	33.7	28.7

The superiority of the inventive mixture is apparent from the electrical data, particularly after storage in water. Unlike comparisons 1 and 2, in which the  
5 insulating action breaks down (fall-off in volume resistivity, rise in dielectric coefficient and in  $\tan \delta$ ), even after 100 hours at 90°C insulation is retained or even improved, e.g. by virtue of the rise in volume resistivity.

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What is claimed is:

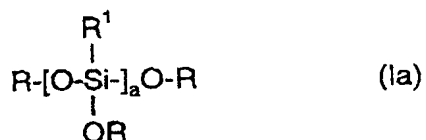
1. A composition acting as coupling agent between  
fillers and peroxidically crosslinking elastomers  
5 in rubber compounds, which comprises, as component  
comprising silicon compounds, a mixture  
a) of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with alkylalkoxy-  
siloxanes, or  
b) of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with phenylalkoxy-  
10 siloxanes, or  
c) of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with phenyl/alkyl-  
alkoxysiloxanes or  
d) of acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with  
alkylalkoxysiloxanes, or  
15 e) of acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with  
phenylalkoxysiloxanes, or  
f) of acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with  
phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxanes, or  
g) of at least one co-oligomeric organosiloxane  
20 which, as organofunctional groups, bears at  
least one group from the series vinyl, acrylic,  
and methacrylic, and at least one group from  
the series alkyl and phenyl, and at least one  
alkoxy or hydroxy group.  
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2. The composition as claimed in claim 1,  
which comprises,  
as other non-silicon-containing components,  
plasticizers and/or processing aids.  
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3. The composition as claimed in claim 1 or 2,  
which comprises  
from 0.1 to 100% by weight of a vinyl-, acrylic-,  
and/or methacrylic-functional alkoxysiloxane,  
35 based on all of the components present in the  
composition.
4. The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to

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which comprises

from 0 to 80% by weight of the alkyl- and/or  
phenyl-functional alkoxy-siloxane, based on all of  
the components present in the composition.

5. The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to  
4, which comprises at least one vinylalkoxy-  
siloxane of the general formula (Ia) or (Ib)



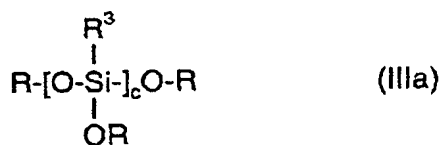
where the groups R are identical or different  
and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-  
methoxyethyl, or hydrogen,  $\text{R}^1$  is a vinyl group,  
each of a and  $a'$ , independently, is an integer  
from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be  
present in the form of linear, branched, or  
cyclic moieties.

6. The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to  
5, which comprises at least one  
alkylalkoxy-siloxane of the general formula (IIa)  
or (IIb)



where the groups R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, the groups R<sup>2</sup> are identical or different, and each R<sup>2</sup> is a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, each of b and b', independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

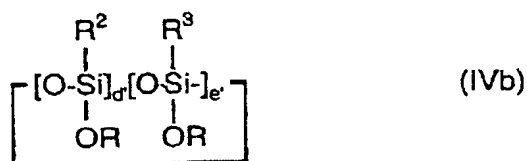
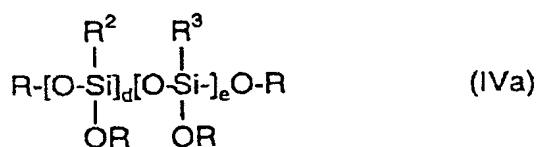
7. The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, which comprises at least one phenylalkoxysiloxane of the general formula (IIIa) or (IIIb)



where the groups R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, R<sup>3</sup> is a phenyl group, each of c and c', independently, is an

integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

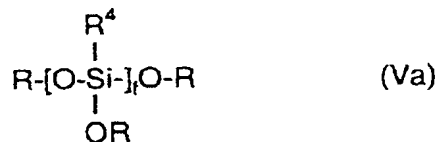
- 5 8. The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, which comprises at least one alkylphenyl-alkoxysiloxane of the general formula (IVa) or (IVb)



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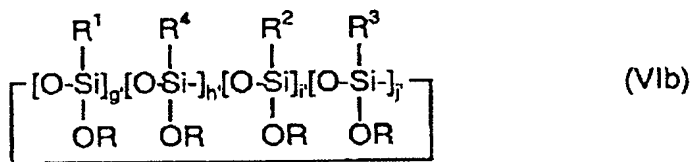
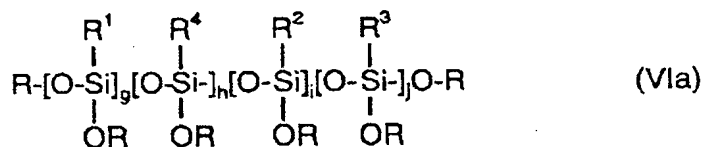
where the groups R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, the R<sup>2</sup> groups are  
 15 identical or different, each R<sup>2</sup> being a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, R<sup>3</sup> is a phenyl group, each of d, d', e and e', independently, is an  
 20 integer from 1 to 35 and complies with the provisos that 1 < (d+e) < 50 and 1 < (d'+e') < 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

- 25 9. The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8, which comprises at least one acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxane of the general formula (Va) or (Vb)



where the groups R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, the groups R<sup>4</sup> are identical or different, and R<sup>4</sup> is an acrylic or methacrylic group, each of f and f', independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

10. The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9, which comprises at least one organoalkoxysiloxane of the general formula (VIa) or (VIb)



where the groups R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined above, each of g, g', h, h', i, i', j, and j' is, independently, an integer from 0 to 35 and complies with the provisos g ≥ 1 and/or h ≥ 1, and 1 < (g+h+i+j) < 50, and g' ≥ 1 and/or h' ≥ 1,



and  $1 < (g' + h' + i' + j') < 50$ , where these siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

- 5    11. The composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10,  
which has been applied to a carrier.
- 10    12. The composition as claimed in claim 11,  
wherein  
the carrier material has been selected from the series porous polymer, carbon black, wax, silica, and calcium silicate.
- 15    13. The use of the composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 12 as coupling agent in filled and peroxidically crosslinking rubber compounds.
- 20    14. A filled and peroxidically crosslinking rubber compound which comprises a composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 12.
- 25    15. The rubber compound as claimed in claim 14, which comprises a content of elastomer from the series ethylene-propylene rubber (EPR), ethylene-propylene-diene rubber (EPDM), styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR), natural rubber (NR), acrylate copolymer rubber (ACM), acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber (NBR), polybutadiene rubber (BR).
- 30    16. The rubber compound as claimed in claim 14 or 15, which comprises a content of filler from the series silicatic or organic fillers.
- 35    17. The rubber compound as claimed in claim 16, which comprises a content of filler from the series kaolin, silica, quartz, cristobalite, talc, montmorillonite, wollastonite, mica, calcium

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carbonate, chalk, dolomite, aluminum hydroxide,  
magnesium hydroxide, titanium dioxide, cellulose,  
flax, and sisal.

- 5 18. An item obtained during the processing of rubber  
compounds as claimed in any of claims 13 to 17.

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Abstract:

Composition acting as coupling agent for filled and peroxidically crosslinking rubber compounds

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The present invention relates to a composition acting as coupling agent between fillers and peroxidically crosslinking elastomers in rubber compounds, which comprises, as component comprising silicon compounds, a mixture

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- a) of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with alkylalkoxysiloxanes, or
- b) of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with phenylalkoxysiloxanes, or
- 15 c) of vinylalkoxysiloxanes with phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxanes or
- d) of acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with alkylalkoxysiloxanes, or
- e) of acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with phenylalkoxysiloxanes, or
- 20 f) of acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxanes with phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxanes, or
- g) of at least one co-oligomeric organosiloxane which, as organofunctional groups, bears at least one group from the series vinyl, acrylic and methacrylic, and at least one group from the series alkyl and phenyl, and at least one alkoxy or hydroxy group.

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The present invention further relates to the use of a composition of the invention as a coupling agent in filled and peroxidically crosslinking rubber compounds, to rubber compounds obtained in this way, and to items made therefrom.

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